

December 20, 2018

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Taylor Scott Amarel MuckRock News 411 A Highland Ave., Dept. MR 53268 Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Dear Taylor Scott Amarel:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request received in this office May 11, 2018 regarding all emails sent to, from, or copied to Kathy Nuebel Kovarik from 1/1/16 to present. You specifically requested:

any of the following non-case-sensitive-key strings: "fraud, embezzlement, kushner, or whistleblower"

A search of the email records have been completed. No records responsive to your request were located. If you have reason to believe that responsive records do exist, and you can provide us with additional information, we will conduct another search. Please forward the additional information to the address listed above and reference the control number which appears on this correspondence. If, after the second search no responsive records are located, you will be notified. At that time you may appeal the determination by following the directions set forth below.

You have the right to file an administrative appeal within 90 days of the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. You may file an administrative FOIA appeal to USCIS at: USCIS FOIA/PA Appeals Office, 150 Space Center Loop, Suite 500, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-2139. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Jill Eggleston, for assistance at:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office P. O. Box 648010 Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010 Telephone: 1-800-375-5283

Email: FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov

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If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal Agencies. The OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information /Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS College Park, MD 20740-6001

Telephone: 202-741-5770

877-684-6448

Email: OGIS@NARA.GOV
Website: OGIS.ARCHIVES.GOV

If you should have any additional questions about your resquest, please direct your inquiries to this office. You may also fax any correspondence to (816) 350-5785.

Sincerely,

Jill A. Eggleston

Director, FOIA Operations